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November 3, 1998

Marianne Abely  
Office of General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E. Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4621

Dear Ms. Abely:

I write to confirm the substance of our telephone conversations of November 3, 1998. You requested that I furnish a date by which you can expect to receive responses to your previous information requests. I told you that on Friday, October 30, 1998, I sent a letter to you responding to your inquiries regarding Merrill Cook ("Cook") and the Merrill Cook for Congress Committee's ("Cook Committee") dealings with R.T. Nielson Company during the 1996 campaign season.

With respect to Cook and the Cook Committee's dealings with Phillips Twede Spencer, I told you that the documents you requested, to the extent Cook and the Cook Committee are in possession of them, will be sent to you no later than Friday, November 6, 1998. Cook and the Cook Committee may not have some of the documents you have requested, and I agreed to provide you with a list of such documents. I also informed you that the remaining information you requested regarding dealings with Phillips Twede Spencer, to the extent it is available, will have come from Congressman Cook. The Cook Committee's treasurer does not possess it. I am not able to contact Congressman Cook today, which is election day, but I will try to contact him as soon as possible to

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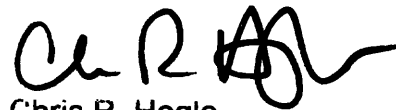
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see when he can provide information in response to your inquiries. As soon as I do, I will call you with a date by which we can forward the information to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris R. Hogle", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris R. Hogle

CRH/mjg

cc: Jay D. Gurmankin  
Merrill Cook

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